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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Hong LI  
PROTECTION ELEMENT, METHOD FOR LAYING CABLE IN A GROOVE  
SYSTEM AND CABLE LAYOUT  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q77917



Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 8 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>6</u>	- 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>        </u>	\$0.00
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Base Fee									\$770.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$770.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$810.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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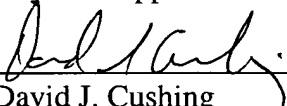
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Europe	02360358.2	December 18, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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